ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ತಾವು ಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಮೊದಲೇ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ, ನಾಳೆ ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಡಿಮ್ಯಾಂಡ್ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ ಆಗ ಮಾತನಾಡಬಹುದು.

(*iii*) *re* : Statement by Sri S. K. Patil

Sri G. CHANDRAKANTH.—I am one of the signatories to the notice of privilege regarding Sri S. K. Patil's statement. Therefore I wanted to know when it will be taken up.

Mr. SPEAKER.—About the privilege question against Sri S. K. Patil, I have asked the office to write a letter. We will get the reply and then we will decide the matter.

Calling attention to matters of urgent public importance

(*i*) Relief to the victims of Accidental fire in a village in Raichur

Sri M. NAGAPPA (Raichur).—Yesterday I submitted an adjournment motion about the burning of huts at Raichur. The Hon'ble Chief Minister said he will make a statement today, and say what relief he would give to the sufferers.

†Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—Sir, it is reported that a fire broke out at 1-00 A.M. on 7 March 1969 in Kalatalab in Raichur. The fire brigade rushed to the spot immediately on receipt of information and the fire was extinguished at 4-30 A.M. The cause of fire is reported to be the burning chimney in a hut. As a result of this fire, 34 huts were burnt and total loss resulting from that is estimated at Rs. 20,000. One old woman died of burns and another who had received minor injuries was treated in the civil hospital. A person on his way to the telephone booth to make a telephone call to the fire station is reported to have fallen and died out of shock without any fire burns. No loss of cattle is reported. The local officers, along with the Municipal President and Divisional Commissioner visited the area. With the help of the philonthropic people, they have distributed 3 bags of jawar and 2½ bags of rice. The Municipality has given 21 bags of jawar. In addition the local Mahila Mandal distributed cloths. The City Municipality at a meeting on 7-3-1969 decided to give relief of Rs. 300 per family. The Municipal authorities have distributed Rs. 75 for each family for utensils and clothing and the cash relief of Rs. 25 per family is expected to be distributed. The remaining relief of Rs. 200 per family is also proposed to be given.

The question of relief to be granted to the victims under the Fire Accident Rules is also engaging the urgent attention of the Revenue authorities.

It is reported that this is a case of purely accidential fire.